



# U.S. Attorney's Office

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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## A Message from the U.S. Attorney

### Facts from the COPS Office

- First round of applications due between March 16th and April 14th
- 5,500 police officers will be hired through this program
- The direct phone number for the COPS Office is 202- 616 -1728
- Future funding: \$187 million in technology grants \$16 million for School Safety

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President Obama recently signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This legislation includes \$4 billion for grant funding to enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts, including the hiring of new police officers, to combat violence against women, and to fight internet crimes against children.

There are many different grant programs available. Many of you may be focusing on the hiring grants through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

The solicitation for that program is now open on-line at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov). Important elements from the COPS grants are listed below:

1. Grant solicitation period is from March 16th to April 14, 2009.
2. This is a competitive grant program.
3. Grants will provide 100 percent funding for entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off.

As a way to assist in what is sometimes a confusing application process we have

scheduled two grant writing informational sessions. These sessions will be held on **Monday March 30th** from 10:00 until noon and again from 1:00 until 3:00 at our Milwaukee Office located at 517 E. Wisconsin Ave in room 630.

Speakers from the COPS Office will participate through a video conference call. They will discuss the application process along with their various grant programs and other available services. Mr. Ray Luick, the Director of Justice Improvement Programs for the State of Wisconsin's Office of Justice Assistance, will be present to discuss discretionary grant funding and other grant programs available through their Office.

Please submit your individual questions to Law Enforcement Coordinator Dean Puschnig, and we will try to ensure that these topics are addressed during this training program.

To register for this free training, contact Dean at [dean.puschnig@usdoj.gov](mailto:dean.puschnig@usdoj.gov) or (414) 297-1774 with the time and number of people who will be attending from your community.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact us.

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